County (HIPAA) Issues Workgroup
Meeting Notes 2/5/2001

✍ Introductions

✍ There was an approved consensus on formalizing the group charter. The draft charter prepared by LA County was approved.

✍ Web site for counties
The counties would like to see a web site / bulletin board area where they could go to share information, ask questions and develop a network with other counties and eventually have a link on the HIPAA web page.

Counties were asked to talk to the various associations to see if someone would volunteer a site the group could use.

Counties should be reading the regulations and identifying the programs requiring modifications.

✍ There were several "What if…." type of questions from the counties. What if a transaction being shared is of this type or that type…??? Suggestion: counties should develop a local project team to help with the brainstorming, budgeting, and prioritizing the HIPAA tasks.

✍ Maybe the counties could come up with a checklist of Business Processes or perhaps do a survey to help determine/define their programs needing HIPAA attention. Counties were encouraged to share with the committee any HIPAA assessment/remediation tools being developed at the local level.

✍ Counties should try to break HIPAA into manageable chunks.

✍ DHS, at the current time, can not dedicate staff to the counties. However, DHS is developing tools and will be putting on some seminars [training the trainers] to help the counties get up to speed.

✍ At the 02/26 meeting -- Judy will have Leanne and Mary give a presentation on HIPAA that should help clear up some questions and concerns that the counties might be having.

✍ Questions can be sent to Ray Reis or Mike McDaniel who will forward them to Leanne.

✍ One issue known for sure is that upstream/downstream data will effect almost everybody.